

**Employment Status for the Civilian Population
District of Columbia, Suburban Ring, and the Washington, D.C. PMSA
1997/a/b**

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Washington, D.C.												
Civilian Labor Force	275,700	275,900	277,300	275,300	274,400	278,000	287,500	281,300	278,400	278,000	279,600	280,800
Total Employed	254,100	254,200	256,800	256,700	254,800	255,000	263,200	258,200	255,900	254,900	256,300	257,200
Total Unemployed	21,600	21,700	20,500	18,600	19,500	23,000	24,300	23,100	22,500	23,100	23,300	23,600
Unemployment Rate c/	7.8	7.9	7.4	6.8	7.1	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.1	8.3	8.3	8.4
Suburban Ring												
Civilian Labor Force	2,233,900	2,235,300	2,243,500	2,234,700	2,240,600	2,277,500	2,312,900	2,281,000	2,257,900	2,252,800	2,257,300	2,252,000
Total Employed	2,156,900	2,157,100	2,171,800	2,167,900	2,171,500	2,200,100	2,240,300	2,207,200	2,185,700	2,183,000	2,190,000	2,190,900
Total Unemployed	77,000	78,100	71,700	66,900	69,200	77,400	72,700	73,800	72,200	69,800	67,300	61,200
Unemployment Rate c/	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.7
Washington, D.C. PMSA												
Civilian Labor Force	2,509,600	2,511,200	2,520,800	2,510,000	2,515,000	2,555,500	2,600,400	2,562,300	2,536,300	2,530,800	2,536,900	2,532,800
Total Employed	2,411,000	2,411,300	2,428,600	2,424,600	2,426,300	2,455,100	2,503,500	2,465,400	2,441,600	2,437,900	2,446,300	2,448,100
Total Unemployed	98,600	99,800	92,200	85,500	88,700	100,400	97,000	96,900	94,700	92,900	90,600	84,800
Unemployment Rate c/	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.3

a/ Data may not add to the totals due to independent rounding.

b/ Revised to incorporate new census population controls for the 1990's introduced with the 2003 benchmark.

c/ Seasonally unadjusted.

Estimated Labor Force and Employment for the Washington Metropolitan Area includes the District of Columbia, the Virginia Cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park, Fairfax, and Fredericksburg; the Virginia Counties of Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William, Loudoun, Stafford, Clarke, Warren, Fauquier, Culpeper, Spotsylvania, and King George; the Maryland Counties of Montgomery, Prince Georges, Charles, Frederick, and Calvert; and the West Virginia Counties of Berkeley and Jefferson.

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